## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound comprising a moiety which selectively binds a selectin receptor, the moiety having the formula:

 $R^1Gal\beta1$ , m(Fuc $\alpha1$ , n)GlcNR<sup>0</sup>(R<sup>2</sup>)<sub>p</sub>—

in which:

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 $R^0$  is a member selected from the group consisting of  $(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkyl}) \text{ carbonyl}$ ,  $(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkoxy}) \text{ carbonyl}$ , and  $(C_2-C_9 \text{ alkenyloxy}) \text{ carbonyl}$ ;

R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

in which:

 $R^3$  and  $R^4$  taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, hydroxy-( $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), aryl-( $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), and ( $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy)-( $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted, or

 $R^3$  and  $R^4$  form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of  $-R^5$ — and  $-(R^6)_q$ —O— $(R^7)_r$ — in which  $R^5$  is  $C_3$ - $C_7$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q and r is at least 1; the substitutions in the substituted groups being selected from the group

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consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), polyhydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), and alkanoamido;

 ${\bf R}^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of H,  ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl, hydroxy-( ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl), aryl-( ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl), ( ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl)-aryl, alkylthio,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc,  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man- ${\bf R}^8$ ,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc- ${\bf R}^8$ , and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal- ${\bf R}^8$ , wherein  ${\bf R}^8$  is a member selected from the group consisting of H,  ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl,  ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkoxy, hydroxy-( ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl), aryl-( ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl), ( ${\bf C_1}\text{-}{\bf C_8}$  alkyl)-aryl, and alkylthio;

m is 3 or 4;

n is 3 or 4; and

p is zero or 1.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is a member selected from the group consisting of a trisaccharide and the group having the formula

- 3. The composition of claim 1, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is a trisaccharide.
- 4. The composition of claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is a trisaccharide selected from the group consisting of NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3 and NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3.
- 5. The composition of claim 1, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is a group having the formula

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6. The composition of claim 5, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$  form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of

$$-R^5$$
— and  $-(R^6)_q$ —O— $(R^7)_r$ —

- in which  $R^5$  is  $C_3$ - $C_7$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q and r is at least 1.
  - 7. The composition of claim 5, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$  form a single radical having the formula  $-(\mathbb{R}^6)_q O (\mathbb{R}^7)_r -$

in which 
$$R^6$$
 and  $R^7$  are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q

and r is at least 1.

8. The composition of claim 5, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$  form a single radical having the formula  $-(\mathbb{R}^6)$  —0—

in which  $R^6$  is  $C_3$ - $C_4$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted.

- 9. The composition of claim 8, wherein  $R^6$  is — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ —, substituted or unsubstituted.
- 10. The composition of claim 1, wherein the substitutions in the substituted groups are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), polyhydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), and alkanoamido.
- 11. The composition of claim 10, wherein the substituted groups are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, polyhydroxy(C<sub>3</sub> alkyl) acetamido and hydroxyacetamido.
  - 12. The composition of claim 1, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is a monosaccharide.

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- 13. The composition of claim 12, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is a sialic acid.
- 14. The composition of claim 13, wherein the sialic acid is NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3 or NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3.
  - 15. The composition of claim  $\underline{1}$ , wherein m is 4 and n is 3.
  - 16. The composition of claim 15, wherein the moiety has the formula:

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2, 3Gal $\beta$ 1, 4 (Fuc $\alpha$ 1, 3) GlcNAc—

- 17. The composition of claim 1, wherein the m is 3 and n is 4.
  - 18. The composition of claim 17, wherein the moiety has the formula:

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,3(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,4)GlcNAc—

- 19. The composition of claim 1, wherein p is 1.
- 20. The composition of claim 19, wherein  $R^2$  is  $\beta$ 1,3Gal- $R^8$ , and  $R^8$  is  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy.
- 21. The composition of claim 1, wherein the compound is a glycoprotein, a glycolipid, or polysaccharide.
- 22. A composition of claim 1, wherein the compound is a polysaccharide.
- 23. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide comprises a repeat unit having the formula:
- NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4  $\Rightarrow$   $|\beta$ 1,4 Glc

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- 24. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide comprises a repeat unit having the formula:
- NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc $\beta$ 1,3Glc $\beta$ 1,2 $\rightarrow$ 5

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- 25. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide comprises a repeat unit having the formula:

Glc  $|\beta 1, 6$ 15 NeuAc $\alpha 2$ , 3Gal $\beta 1$ , 4 (Fuc $\alpha 1$ , 3)GlcNAc $\beta 1$ , 3Gal $\beta 1$ , 4  $\Rightarrow$ 

- 26. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide is a fucosylated type Ta polysaccharide of Group B streptococcus.
- 27. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide is a type II or type III polysaccharide of Group B streptococcus.
- 28. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide has molecular weight between about 5,000 and 300,000 daltons.
- 29. A composition of claim 22, wherein the polysaccharide comprises between about 5 and about 200 fucosylated repeat units.
- 30. A composition of claim 29, wherein the polysaccharide comprises between about 25 and about 100 fucosylated repeat units.
  - 31. A composition of claim 1, wherein the compound is a sphingolipid.
  - 32. A composition of claim 31, wherein the compound is a ganglioside.

- 33. A composition of claim 1, wherein the selectin receptor is expressed on a vascular endothelial cell or a platelet.

  34. A composition of claim 33, wherein the selectin receptor is E-Selectin or P-Selectin.
- 35. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a liposome having a compound which selectively binds a selectin receptor.
  - 36. A composition of claim 35, wherein the liposome encapsulates an anti-inflammatory chemotherapeutic agent.
- 37. A composition of claim 36, wherein the antiinflammatory agent is cyclosporin A, findomethacin, naproxen, FK-506, or mycophenolic acid.
- 38. A composition of claim 35, wherein the compound 20 has the formula

 $R^1$ -Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-( $R^2$ )<sub>a</sub>-X

wherein  $R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3, NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3, NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3, and NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3;

wherein  $R^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc,  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc;

wherein a is 0 or 1; and wherein X is a protein or lipid.

- 39. A composition of claim 38, wherein X is a glycoprotein having a molecular weight between 40,000 and about 250,000 daltons.
- 40. A composition of claim 38, wherein X is a glycolipid having a molecular weight between about 600 and about 4,000 daltons.

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41. A composition of claim 35, wherein the compound has a formula selected from the group consisiting of:

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-X,

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-X, and

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc $-(R)_a-;$ 

wherein R is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNac,  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc;

wherein a is 0 or 1; and wherein X is a protein or lipid.

- 42. A composition of claim 35, wherein the selectin receptor is expressed on a vascular endothelial cell or a platelet.
- 43. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound which selectively binds a selectin receptor, the compound having the formula:

 $R^{1}Gal\beta 1$ , 4 (Fuc $\alpha 1$ , 3)GlcNAc( $R^{2}$ ) $_{p}$ —X in which:

R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

in which:

 $R^3$  and  $R^4$  taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, hydroxy- $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), aryl- $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), and  $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted, or

 ${\bf R}^3$  and  ${\bf R}^4$  form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of

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 $-R^5$ — and  $-(R^6)_q$ —O— $(R^7)_r$  in which R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$ are the same or different and are C1-C6 divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q and r is at least 1; the substitutions in the substituted groups being selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy(C1-C4 alkyl), polyhydroxy( $C_1-C_4$  alkyl), and alkanoamido;

 ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc;

p is zero or 1; and

X is selected from the group consisting of -H, -OH, -NH3, -NHR8, -NR8R9, -OR8, -OAryl, -OAlkylAryl, -OArylAlkyl, -Aryl, -ArylAlkyl, and -AlkylAryl, wherein R8 and  $R^9$  are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl.

A composition of claim 43, wherein the compound has the formula selected from the group consisting of:

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-( $\mathbb{R}^2$ )<sub>p</sub>,

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R<sup>2</sup>),

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2, 3Gal $\beta$ 1, 4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1, 3Gal $\beta$ 1, 4 (Fuc $\alpha$ 1, 3) -

 $GlcNAc-(R^2)_n;$ 

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is a member selected from the group consisiting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNac and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; and

p is zero or 1.

A composition of claim 43, wherein the compound has the formula selected from the group consisting of:

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R $^2$ )<sub>p</sub>,

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R<sup>2</sup>)<sub>p</sub>,

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2, 3Gal $\beta$ 1, 4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1, 3Gal $\beta$ 1, 4 (Fuc $\alpha$ 1, 3) -

GlcNAc-(R2)p;

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wherein  $R^2$  is  $\beta$ 1,3Gal; X is  $-OR^8$ ; and p is 1.

46. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound having two or more repeat units capable of selectively binding a selectin receptor, the repeat units comprising a selectin-binding moiety and being linked by a linker moiety, each repeat unit having the formula:

$$R^{1}Gal\beta 1$$
, 4 (Fuc $\alpha 1$ , 3) GlcNAc ( $R^{2}$ )  $p$ —X

in which:

R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

in which:

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m R}^3$  and  ${
m R}^4$  taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H,  ${
m C}_1$ - ${
m C}_8$  alkyl, hydroxy-( ${
m C}_1$ - ${
m C}_8$  alkyl), aryl-( ${
m C}_1$ - ${
m C}_8$  alkyl), and ( ${
m C}_1$ - ${
m C}_8$  alkoxy)-( ${
m C}_1$ - ${
m C}_8$  alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted, or

 $R^3$  and  $R^4$  form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of  $-R^5$ — and  $-(R^6)_q$ —O— $(R^7)_r$ — in which  $R^5$  is  $C_3$ - $C_7$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$  divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q and r is at least 1;

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the substitutions in the substituted groups being selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy( $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl), polyhydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), and alkanoamido;

 $R^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; p is zero or 1; and X is the linker moiety.

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47. A composition of claim 46, wherein the linker moiety has the formula:

wherein, n and m are the same or different and are integers from 2 to 12; Y is O or S; and W is O, S, or NH.

25 A composition of claim 46, wherein the linker moiety is 5- to 14-membered ring having two substituents, each substituent having the formula

wherein, Y is O or S; and

the substituents being in a cis- or trans-relationship.

A pharmaceutical composition comprising a 35 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a heterocyclic compound having two nitrogen atoms and two selectinbinding moieties, each moiety being linked to one of the nitrogen atoms and having the formula:

 $R^{1}Gal\beta 1$ , 4 (Fuc $\alpha 1$ , 3) GlcNAc( $R^{2}$ )<sub>p</sub>—

in which:

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R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

in which:

10  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, hydroxy- $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), aryl- $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), and  $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy)- $(C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl), substituted or

unsubstituted, or

 ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^3$  and  ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^4$  form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of

 $-R^5$ — and  $-(R^6)_q$ —O— $(R^7)_r$ —
in which  $R^5$  is  $C_3$ - $C_7$  divalent alkyl,
substituted or unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$ are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$ divalent alkyl, substituted or
unsubstituted, and q and r are the same
or different and are zero or 1 such
that the sum of q and r is at least 1;
the substitutions in the substituted groups

being selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy( $C_1-C_4$  alkyl), polyhydroxy( $C_1-C_4$  alkyl), and alkanoamido:

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m R}^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of eta1,3Gal, lpha1,2Man, lpha1,6GalNAc and eta1,3Galeta1,4Glc; and

p is zero or 1.

50. A composition of claim 49, wherein the heterocyclic compound is piperazine or homopiperazine.

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51. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an amino acid linked to a selectin-binding oligosaccharide moiety selected from the group consisting of

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-, NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-, and NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-;

wherein R is a member selected form the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNac and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; and

a is zero or 1.

- 52. A composition of claim 51, wherein the amino acid is lysine, homolysine, ornithine, diaminobutyric acid, asparagine or diaminopropionic acid.
  - 53. A composition of claim 51, wherein the amino acid is incorporated into an oligopeptide.
- 54. A composition of claim 53, wherein the oligopeptide comprises one or more of the following: lysine, homolysine, ornithine, diaminobutyric acid, asparagine or diaminopropionic acid.
- 55. A composition of claim 54, wherein the oligopeptide further comprises one or more of the following: alanine, tyrosine or radioiodinated tyrosine.
- 56. A composition of claim 53, wherein the oligopeptide comprises, in a direction from the N-terminus to the C-terminus,

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wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the same or different and are any amino acid residue and L is the oligosaccharide moiety.

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- 57. A pharmaceutical composition for treating an inflammatory condition, the composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an immunoglobulin capable of selectively binding an oligosaccharide ligand recognized by a selectin cell surface receptor, the immunoglobulin being present in an amount sufficient to treat the condition.
- 58. A composition of claim 57, wherein the ligand is selected from the group consisting of NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R) $_a$ -,

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-, and

NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4(Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc-(R)<sub>a</sub>-; wherein R is a member selected form the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNac and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; and a is zero or 1.

59. A composition of claim 57, wherein the oligosaccharide moiety is expressed by a leukocyte.

60. A composition of claim 57, wherein the selectin receptor is expressed by a vascular endothelial cell or a platelet.

- 61. A composition of claim 57, wherein the selectin receptor is E-Selectin or P-Selectin.
  - 62. A composition of claim 57, wherein the composition is in unit dosage form.
  - 63. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound comprising a

moiety which selectively binds a selectin receptor, the moiety having the formula:

 $R^1$ -Gal $\beta$ 1,4( $R^2$ )GlcNac-( $R^3$ )<sub>a</sub>-,

wherein  $R^1$  is NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3, NeuGc $\alpha$ 2,3, NeuAc $\alpha$ 2,3,

 $Gal\beta1, 4GlcNAc\beta1, 3$ , or  $NeuGc\alpha2, 3Gal\beta1, 4GlcNac\beta1, 3$ ;

wherein  $R^2$  is Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3, Ara $\alpha$ 1,3, (R,S)-5-alkyl-Ara $\alpha$ 1,3 and (R,S)-5-aryl-Ara $\alpha$ 1,3; and

wherein  $R^3$  is 1,3 $\beta$ Gal, 1,2 $\alpha$ Man, or 1,6 $\alpha$ GalNAc and a is 0 or 1.

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- 64. A composition of claim 63, wherein the compound is a biomolecule.
- 65. A composition of claim 63, wherein the moiety binds a selectin receptor expressed on a vascular endothelial cell or a platelet.
- 66. A composition of claim 63, wherein the selectin receptor is E-Selectin or P-Selectin. When (10)

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- 67. A method for inhibiting selectin-mediated intercellular adhesion in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective dose of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound which selectively binds a selectin receptor.
- 68. A method of claim 67, wherein the compound comprises a moiety which selectively binds a selectin receptor, the moiety having the formula:

 $\mathbb{R}^{1}$ Gal $\beta$ 1,4 Fuc $\alpha$ 1,3)GlcNAc( $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ )<sub>p</sub>—

in which:

R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

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in which:

and R<sup>4</sup> taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted, or

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of

 $-R^5$ — and  $-(R^6)_q$ —0— $(R^7)_r$ —
in which  $R^5$  is  $C_3$ - $C_7$  divalent alkyl,
substituted or unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$ are the same or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$ divalent alkyl, substituted or
unsubstituted, and q and r are the same
or different and are zero or 1 such
that the sum of q and r is at least 1;
substitutions in the substituted groups

the substitutions in the substituted groups being selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl), polyhydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl), and alkanoamido;

 $R^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; and

p is zero or 1.

- 69. A method of claim 67, wherein the compound is a biomolecule.
- 70. A method of claim 67, wherein the intercellular adhesion is associated with an inflammatory condition.
- 71. A method of claim 70, wherein the inflammatory condition is septic shock.

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72. A method of claim 70, wherein the inflammatory condition is acute respiratory distress syndrome or wound associated sepsis.

73. A method of claim 67, wherein the intercellular adhesion is associated with metastasis.

74. A method of claim 67, wherein the selectin receptor mediates adhesion of a leukocyte, monocyte or neutrophil to an endothelial cell.

75. A method of claim 67, wherein the selectin receptor is E-Selectin or P-Selectin.

76. A method of embedded in a liposome.

A method of claim 67, wherein the compound is

77. A method of claim-67, the compound is a 20 polysaccharide.

78. A method of treating an inflammatory disease process mediated by a selectin receptor in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective dose of a compound which selectively binds the receptor, the compound having the formula:  $R^{1}Gal\beta 1, 4 (Fuc\alpha 1, 3) GlcNAc (R^{2})_{p}$ —X

in which:

R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

in which:

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m R}^3$  and  ${
m R}^4$  taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H,  ${
m C}_1$ - ${
m C}_8$  alkyl,

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hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), aryl- $(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkyl})$ , and  $(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkoxy})$ -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted, or

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of

 $-R^5$ — and  $-(R^6)_q$ —0— $(R^7)_r$  in which  $R^5$  is  $C_3-C_7$  divalent alkyl, substituted dr unsubstituted,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$ are the same or different and are  $C_1-C_6$ divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q and r is at least 1; the substitut fons in the substituted groups

being selected from the group consist ing of hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  $alkyl)/polyhydroxy(C_1-C_4 alkyl)$ , and

alkandamido;

R<sup>2</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; p is zero or 1; and X is a biomolecule.

A method of claim 78, wherein X is an oligosaccharide, an oligopeptide, a protein, or a lipid.

A method  $\phi$ f claim 78, wherein the selectin receptor is E-Selectin or P-Selectin.

81. A method of assaying a test compound for the ability to inhibit selectin-mediated cellular adhesion, the method comprising the steps of:

contacting the test compound with a selectin receptor and an isolated selectin-binding agent; and detecting the ability of the test compound to inhibit binding between the receptor and the agent.

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- 82. A method of claim 81, wherein the agent comprises an  ${\rm SLe}^X$  moiety, or an  ${\rm SLe}^X$  mimetic.
- 83. A method of claim 81, wherein the receptor or the agent are immobilized on a solid surface.
- 84. A method of claim 81, wherein the test compound is an oligosaccharide or a glycoconjugate.
- 85. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound capable of blocking selectin-mediated cellular adhesion, the compound being identified by the method of claim 81.
- 86. A method for preparing a compound comprising an oligosaccharide moiety capable of selectively binding a selectin receptor, the method comprising fucosylating a polysaccharide comprising a sequence having the formula:

  R—Galβ1,4GlcNAc—
- 20 wherein R is a sialic acid.
  - 87. A method of claim 86, wherein the step of fucosylating is carried out using an  $\alpha$ 1,3 fucosyltransferase.
- 25 88. A method of claim 86, wherein the polysaccharide is a type Ia polysaccharide of Group B streptococcus.
- 89. A method of claim 86, wherein the polysaccharide is a type II or type III polysaccharide of Group B
  30 streptococcus.
  - 90. A method for preparing a compound comprising a plurality of moieties capable of selectively binding a selectin receptor, the method comprising linking the moieties together using a linker moiety.

91. A method of claim 90, wherein the selectin receptor-binding moieties have the formula:  $R^{1}Gal\beta 1, 4 (Fuc\alpha 1, 3) GlcNAc (R^{2})_{p} -$ 

in which:

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R<sup>1</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a group having the formula

in which:

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m R}^3$  and  ${
m R}^4$  taken individually are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted, or

 ${\bf R}^3$  and  ${\bf R}^4$  form a single radical which is a member selected from the group consisting of

—R<sup>5</sup>— and —(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>q</sub>—O—(R<sup>7</sup>)<sub>r</sub>—

in which R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> divalent alkyl,
substituted or unsubstituted, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup>

are the same or different and are C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>
divalent alkyl, substituted or
unsubstituted, and q and r are the same
or different and are zero or 1 such
that the sum of q and r is at least 1;
the substitutions in the substituted groups
being selected from the group

being selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), polyhydroxy( $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl), and alkanoamido;

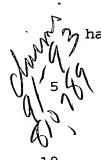
 $R^2$  is a member selected from the group consisting of  $\beta$ 1,3Gal,  $\alpha$ 1,2Man,  $\alpha$ 1,6GalNAc and  $\beta$ 1,3Gal $\beta$ 1,4Glc; and p is zero or 1.

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92. A method of claim 90, wherein the linker moiety has the formula:

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ -\text{NH-C-NH-(CH}_2)_n - \text{NH-C-NH-, or }$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Y} & \mathbf{Y} \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ -\mathbf{NH-C-NH-(CH_2)_n-W-(CH_2)_m-NH-C-NH-} \end{array}$$

wherein, n and m are the same or different and are integers from 2 to 12; Y is O or S; and W is O, S, or NH.

A method of claim 90, wherein the linker moiety 15 93. is 5- to 14-membered ring having two substituents, each substituent having the formula

wherein, Y is O or S; and

the substituents being in a cis- or trans-relationship.

25 A method of claim 90, wherein the substituents are in a 1,2 to 1, (p/2)+1 arrangement, wherein p is an integer from 5 to 14 and corresponds to the size of the ring.

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